Fertilizer in Focus

Soil fertility and fertilizer is the name of a short course to be held on the Virginia Tech Campus November. 30 - December 4. If you are interested in new developments in lime and fertilizer use, if you care about the impact on production and you want more information about plant nutrition, then plan to attend this program.

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Get those soil samples in this fall. We've had an open fall, one that's allowed good harvest conditions and some plowing has been done. The number of soil samples sent in last fall increased 42% over the same period 1969-77.

Last year (July - December) the Virginia Tech Lab analyzed 53,800 samples. Don't let freezing weather catch you with your samples still in the field.

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Can you recall just 8 short years ago when Saudi oil cost $2.00 a barrel and today its around $34.

At annual 8.5 percent inflation rate, oil may cost $333 a barrel at the century's end. In today's money, that equals $67.

While we are still dependent upon foreign oil, gross imports of crude oil and petroleum products for this summer were approximately 24% below last summer's average. When you put the imports in terms of barrels-we are still bringing in 4.9 million barrels a day.

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Are pesticides really necessary?

Poultry used to be a once-a-week delicacy. Now poultry is one of the cheapest meats available, thanks to chemicals that control coccidiosis.

A few years ago screwworms caused a multi-million dollar

"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

loss for cattlemen, but male screwworms were sterilized with a program that "almost" eradicated the screwworm: "Almost" but not completely, so chemicals are still used to keep this dangerous insect under control.

Late blight ruined the potato crop and starved nearly a third of the Irish population in the 1840's. Now it has been conquered. Fungicides applied as a protective film now allow the plant to live. Potato insecticides and improved potato varieties have allowed farmers to increase per acre yields from 56 hundredweight to 247 hundredweight between 1920 and 1970.

The average yield of wheat in the U. S. increased from 13 in 1930 to 31 bushels in 1970 largely due to insecticides, herbicides and chemical fertilizers. Barley yield is up from 21 to 44 bushels in the same 40 years. Sorghum is up from 13 to 54 bushels, oats from 27 to 51 bushels and soybeans from 16 to 28.

It now takes 11 years and costs $14 million to develop and register a pesticide today.

Well, what do you think-do we really need pesticides?

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I'm impressed with the information available to homeowners through the Home Energy Cost-Cutting Computer Analysis. The service is free. Come by our office, pick up a form, answer 18 questions and you'll get a detail print-out describing your home and computer costs of modifications that can be done.

The important consideration is to spend enough thought with the form to be sure your answers are correct.

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The annual acreage and production questionnaire has been set to 11,000 Virginia farmers. A larger sample is being used this year to reduce varability of the answers. Your cooperation is solicited. Complete the response to 36 questions and return at an early date.

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Claim Fair Exhibits

There are a dozen or more exhibits of canned food and handicraft items at the County Extension Office. Exhibits not claimed by November 25 will be disposed.

Six persons have prize money that is unclaimed. You are asked to make the claim for money prior to November 25, also.

WEATHER REPORT

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ASCS today

Payment reminder

By TOM CONRAD
Wool Program Participants Reminded To File For Payment

Wool producers who have sold or plan to sell any shorn wool or unshorn lambs this year should turn in their sales receipts to be eligible for incentive payments under the wool program.

Farmers who have a record of their wool sales are eligible for incentive payments only if the sales are reported to the county ASCS office. Sales slips should contain the month of shearing, month of sale, number of head shorn, pounds of wool sold and net proceeds. Sales slips for lambs must show the liveweight and state whether the lambs were unshorn.

The federal support price for 1981 shorn wool marketings is $1.35 per pound and $3.72 per pound for mohair. Pulled wool will continue to be supported at a level comparable to the support price for shorn wool through payments on unshorn lambs.

Shorn wool payments are based on a percentage of each producer's returns from sales. The percentage is the difference required to raise the national average price received by all producers for shorn wool in 1981 up to the support price of $1.35 a pound. Shorn wool prices fluctuated between 89 and 106 cents per pound through September 1981.

As of November 15, three local producers had filed for their 1981 wool incentive payments. The county ASCS office disbursed $150.67 in wool incentive payments last year.

The wool program is designed to encourage growers to increase production and improve the quality and marketing of wool.

'Smokeout' is Nov. 19

By FRANCES H. PAULETTE

November 19th is it! That special day designated by the American Cancer Society when smokers are asked to give up cigarettes for just one day in the hope that the change may become permanent.

This is the fifth consecutive year that smokers have been asked to cooperate in this endeavor.

National Chairman of the Great American Smokeout this year is none other than actor, Larry Hagman, well known for his portrayal of J.R. Ewing on the television show, Dallas. Hagman is a former smoker.

Hagman says, "We've got a date on November 19th!" He adds that his "nice, sweet disposition" is because he gave up cigarettes! Larry, who quit 'cold turkey', claims that one day he "just threw them away!"

In the 1980 campaign to quit smoking, according to a survey by the Gallup Organization, nearly 16.5 million American smokers attempted to give up cigarettes on Smokeout Day. Just under five million succeeded for a full 24 hours. Due ten days later, 2.2 million were still not smoking.

Among those who successfully gave up cigarettes on Smokeout Day 1980 but went back to smoking after the event was Natalie Cole, 1980 Smokeout Chairman. Edward Asner, 1978 national chairman, quit cold turkey that year and hasn't smoked since. Mr. Asner and Sammy Davis, Jr. tried but couldn't make it the day.

While statistics showed smoking among participation in this year's Smokeout was somewhat higher among women and young people.

Quit smoking and a new you will emerge. You'll regain your energy, your wind, and even your fresh smelling breath," reminds the American Cancer Society.

If you need a reason to quit smoking, listen to this. Over 75 percent of all lung cancers are caused by cigarette smoking. If you get it, your chances of surviving five years are only one in ten.

Among Appomattox citizens who have decided to "get the pack off their back", and be a "quitter" on November 19 and hopefully longer, are Ronald C. Spiggle, Mayor of the Town of Appomattox, John McLean, assistant principal Appomattox County High School and Scott Walker, announcer and production manager of Radio Station WTTX. Won't you join them?

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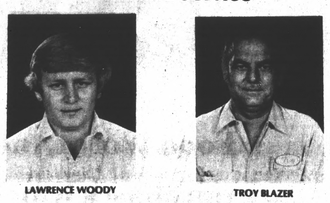

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Social News

Mrs. Winnie B. Akers is recuperating in the Lynchburg General Hospital after undergoing surgery last week for a broken hip.

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Mrs. Gertrude J. Olesh is a patient in the Lynchburg General Hospital.

Sears family entertains

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen Sears of Appomattox and their daughter, Anne Sears of Richmond entertained with a brunch on Sunday, November 15 at the Sears home on South Church Street honoring Miss Beth Lawson and Mr. Dillard Reynolds.

Miss Sears will be an attendant in the Lawson-Reynolds wedding which will take place on December 18 in Memorial United Methodist Church.

UDC to meet

The Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet this Thursday, Nov. 19 at noon at Maude's Restaurant.

This will be the UDC's regular monthly meeting.

All members are asked to make plans to attend the meeting.

Mt. Shiloh

"And you will have joy and gladness." Luke 1:14.

Installation Service for Rev. Leonard L. Yuille will be held on the fourth Sunday in November at 3:00 p.m. Rev. S. C. Terry will be the guest speaker.

The prayer lines remain open for the sick and shut-in everywhere.

Oakville news

Mrs. Clara Cox of Lynchburg is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Claudie Moore.

The family of Mrs. Claudie Moore attended a Brunswick Stew in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bowman Sunday p.m. In addition to the family Mr. and Mrs. David Smith, Appomattox, Mr. Bob Fray and son, Farmville were guests.

Mr. Tommy Drinkard is suffering from recent second and third degree burns which occured in the home Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday with a large attendance. Many people from here attended.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rob Lucado were Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Morgan and son, Jason Creedmore, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Cayne, Richmond; Mrs. Ann Campbell and son, Danny, Amherst; and Mrs. Thelma Thornhill, Gladstone, Va.

We welcome the Rev. and Mrs. James Vaught and two children who recently moved to the Red Oak Parsonage. He preached Sunday at Red Oak Baptist Church with a large attendance. His message "A New Beginning" was quite interesting and inspiring.

The people of Mt. Comfort are looking forward to a Thanksgiving program to be given on Wednesday night, Nov. 25 at 7:30 p.m. to be given by Miss Byrdie Harvey. Please come and enjoy the program with us.

Child evangelist slated

Thomas Frederick Howcott

Thomas Frederick Howcott, the seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Howcott, 508 Sycamore Street, Norfolk, Va. will be preaching at the Hat Creek Baptist Church on November 29, 1981 at 3 p.m. and at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Red House at 7 p.m.

Tommy said that he was a preacher and started to speak out for the Lord before he was three years old. He is an excellent student and attends the Sherwood Forest Elementary School.

Tommy is a member of the Jerusalem Baptist Church, Dr. Thomas M. Venable, pastor.

Tommy is truly a miracle. He has preached in 206 different churches and 19 individuals have accepted Christ under his preaching.

The public is invited to come and hear this seven year old boy preach the word of God.

County Line news

Lets remember all the sick in our community with our prayers.

Mr. Roger Covington is now so well at this time. Missed him at church Sunday.

Mrs. Georgia Lacks of Roanoke spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Mann.

Lloyd Nash, Nellie Nash and Dan Kerr visited Mr. and Mrs. George D. Nash and family and Mr. Harmond Jennings in the hospital Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mann and Richard visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Mann visited Mrs. Laura Ferguson and Mrs. Mattie Mae Harvey Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Harvey is spending some time with Mrs. Ferguson since her eye operation.

Mrs. Emery Mullins and Mrs. Virginia Banton visited Mrs. Kathy Evans in the hospital Sunday night. We hope Kathy will soon be better.

Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Nash and Todd and Mr. and Mrs. David Carson and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash Sunday night.

Mrs. Richard Nash visited Mrs. Nettie McCormick of Appomattox Thursday afternoon.

Our sympathy goes out to the families of Bill Goin and John Hall.

Mrs. Paul Nash is in the hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mann visited Mr. Harmond Jennings and Mr. and Mrs. George D. Nash and family Sunday night.

Keith, Tony and Mike Mann attended a birthday party Sunday afternoon for Butch Hudson in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hudson. Congratulations Butch on your 18th birthday.

Mr. Walter Jordan and Mrs. Mattie Pillow spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jordan of Rocky Mount, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Lankford Terrence spent the weekend in Charles Town, West Virginia.

Thanks to be offered

The Liberty Chapel Baptist Church will have its annual Thanksgiving Supper and Gospel Sing at the church, located on Highway 615, on Nov. 12.

The supper will begin at 6 p.m., and the gospel singing will commence at 7:30 p.m.

This year, the gospel sing will feature the "Virginians," a famous gospel singing group from Roanoke.

Everyone is cordially invited to join with the church members for this outstanding evening of fine fellowship and get into the mood for Thanksgiving.

Robert Thackston to speak

On Monday evening, November 23, at 7:30 in the American Legion Building, the American Legion Post 104 is sponsoring Robert S. Thackston, District Manager of the Lynchburg and Farmville Offices of Social Security who will speak on the Social Security System. Thackston, who has been with the department of Social Security for 20 years has been manager of the Lynchburg office for two and one half years.

The public is cordially invited to attend the meeting.

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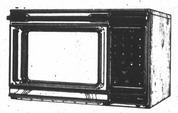

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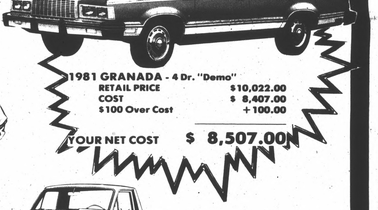

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